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TO: Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey  
James R. Ryan, City Administrator  
City Council Members

FROM: Chet Epperson, Chief of Police

RE: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant FY2009

The Rockford Police Department, in conjunction with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department is submitting an application for funds through the Department of Justice. I have enclosed the following document for your review. If you have any comments or questions on the proposed budget or program expenditure, please feel free to contact me.

The grant is called the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, which the Police Department has received in the past. This grant is a result of consolidating the Byrne Grant and the Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (LLEBG) into one program. This grant requires us to partner with Winnebago County in order to receive the funds.

The Department will be designating these funds to several areas in need to support law enforcement efforts. Please see the attached budget summary for more detail.

**Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant – FY 2009**  
**\$363,911**

**Winnebago County Sheriff's Department**

\$145,564 (40%)

The Sheriff's Department's intends to use the JAG funds is to purchase necessary equipment for law enforcement use.

**Rockford Police Department**

\$218,347 (60%)

The Rockford Police Department intends to use the funds for: squad cars for the Field Services Bureau; officer safety equipment; atv; crime camera surveillance project; and equipment/training to support process improvement efforts for current and future staff that aligns with the City's values.